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Polk State FallFest scheduled for Oct. 11

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 — With fall classes underway at Polk State College, it won't be long before campus is host to one of the events of the season.

Polk State has scheduled its annual FallFest for Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Winter Haven Campus, 999 Avenue H NE. The event is free and open to the public.

Founded in 1987, FallFest features more than 100 booths from local vendors, businesses and College clubs. Portions of sales from craft booths will benefit the Polk State College Foundation, which provides approximately \$1.2 million in scholarships for Polk State students each year.

"For almost four decades, FallFest has been one of those events that people look forward to every year," said Nancy Lozell, Program Director for The Arts at Polk State. "No matter what your age or interests, there is something for everyone at FallFest."

The event will also feature family-friendly activities such as games, haunted houses, shows and presentations from local law enforcement and EMS. Polk State College clubs and athletics programs will participate in the event to raise money for their organizations by hosting different activities and food sales.

The Chain O' Lakes Big Band and Polk State Jazz Ensemble headline this year's entertainment. The event will also feature performances from local student dance teams, choirs and musicians.

For \$60, vendors will be assigned a booth on campus. Limited indoor vending spots are available for \$70. For business vendors looking to promote their business, the cost is \$100.

"FallFest is a great way to promote your business, establish your brand and a great place to shop," Lozell added. "Most importantly, it's a great way to support our students."

For the third year in a row, the event will feature the FallFest Car Show, which will raise funds for Study Abroad Scholarships for Polk State students. Car owners can enter the show with a \$20 donation. People's Choice Awards will be given for first, second and third place.

Registration for a booth will remain open until Oct. 7. For more information, contact Lozell at 863.297.1050 or be emailing fallfest@polk.edu.

About Polk State College

Located in Winter Haven, Florida, and established in 1964, Polk State College is a multi-campus institution serving more than 14,000 students with Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Science, Associate in Arts, and Associate in Science degrees, as well as 9,000 individuals in a wide range of certificate and workforce training programs. The College also operates three charter high schools.

Polk State's advantages include small class sizes; hands-on learning; dedicated faculty; day and night classes; online options; affordable tuition; excellent financial aid; and a diverse community and vibrant student life, including fine arts opportunities, clubs, and intercollegiate athletics.

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